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GREATER PHOENIX CHAMBER ANNOUNCES 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

(PHOENIX) - The [Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce](http://www.greaterphoenixchamber.com)'s Political Action Committee (GPCC PAC) is endorsing 50 candidates for the Arizona Legislature in the August 30 Primary Election. The Chamber PAC has supported business-friendly candidates in local and state races for more than three decades.

The following candidates have earned endorsement from GPCC PAC for the 2016 Primary Election:

District 1

Karen Fann (R), Senate
Noel Campbell (R), House
Chip Davis (R), House

District 14

Gail Griffin (R), Senate
Drew John (R), House

District 21

Debbie Lesko (R), Senate
Tony Rivero (R), House
Kevin Payne (R), House

District 2

Chris Ackerly (R), House
Daniel Hernandez (D), House

District 15

John Allen (R), House
Heather Carter (R), House

District 22

David Livingston (R), House
Phil Lovas (R), House

District 5

Sonny Borrelli (R), Senate
Regina Cobb (R), House

District 16

Doug Coleman (R), House

District 23

John Kavanagh (R), Senate
Jay Lawrence (R), House
Michelle Ugenti-Rita (R), House

District 6

Sylvia Allen (R), Senate
Brenda Barton (R), House
Bob Thorpe (R), House

District 17

Steve Yarbrough (R), Senate
J.D. Mesnard (R), House
Jeff Weninger (R), House

District 25

Bob Worsley (R), Senate
Rusty Bowers (R), House

District 8

Frank Pratt (R), Senate
T.J. Shope (R), House
David Cook (R), House

District 18

Jeff Dial (R), Senate
Jill Norgaard (R), House
Bob Robson (R), House

District 27

Catherine Miranda (D), Senate
Reginald Bolding (D), House

District 11

Vince Leach (R), House

District 19

Lupe Chavira Contreras (D), Senate
Mark Cardenas (D), House
Diego Espinoza (D), House

District 28

Kate Brophy McGee (R), Senate
Mary Hamway (R), House
Maria Syms (R), House

District 13

Steve Montenegro (R), Senate
Darin Mitchell (R), House
Don Shooter (R), House

District 20

Kimberly Yee (R), Senate
Paul Boyer (R), House

District 30

Robert Meza (D), Senate
Jonathan Larkin (D), House

“The PAC Board always takes this difficult and important task very seriously—and this year was no exception,” said Greater Phoenix Chamber PAC chairman John Moody. “After thorough and thoughtful analysis, the PAC Board has selected candidates who best understand the importance of maintaining a pro-business environment and who are willing to collaborate in order to advance public policy that allows our businesses to prosper, grow and create new jobs while enjoying long-term economic stability.”

“The PAC is a cornerstone of the Chamber, vital to our role of advocating for and supporting our 2,400 member businesses,” said Todd Sanders, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce president and CEO. “The PAC Board interviewed many well-qualified candidates, carefully considered each candidate’s engagement in the business community and chose to make primary election endorsements of those whose policies and agendas are most closely aligned with the Chamber’s mission of boosting Arizona’s economy through job creation and business retention and expansion.”

The GPCC PAC was established in 1978 to help pro-business candidates get elected to state, county and local offices and ultimately improve the overall business climate in Greater Phoenix. The Chamber first became a Super PAC in 2003—the first Chamber in Arizona to achieve this elite distinction which allows the PAC to drastically increase its support of pro-business candidates. To date, the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce is one of two chambers in the state of Arizona to achieve Super PAC status.

Sanders concluded, “We strongly support pro-business candidates. Each of the candidates we have endorsed will be strong advocates for the business community and will serve their constituents well.”

Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce

Representing 2,400 businesses across Metropolitan Phoenix, the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce is Arizona’s oldest and largest Chamber. The Chamber supports the growth and development of business by offering networking and marketing opportunities, money-saving programs and a voice in government, keeping its members informed, connected and prosperous. The Chamber also enhances members’ success by promoting economic development, entrepreneurship and a connection to the community.

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